

Staff, the Honorable BART STUPAK, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 10, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

SCOTT SCHLOEGEL,
Chief of Staff,
Congressman Bart Stupak.

HEALTH CARE TAKEOVER UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson of Virginia struck down the individual mandate within the health care takeover as unconstitutional. This job-killing mandate infringes upon an individual's right to choose whether to participate in the government takeover. The ruling affirms that this legislation goes beyond the government's power to regulate interstate commerce. Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli has taken the lead protecting citizens' rights and has been joined by South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster.

Americans should not be forced to purchase health insurance by the Federal Government. Many small businesses cannot afford it. It is time that Congress repeal the government takeover of health care and replace it with a patient-centered program. This is the solution that provides a viable answer to America's health care issues.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF DREAM ACT SHOWS BIAS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to imagine a worse example of media bias than the national coverage of the so-called DREAM Act. Seldom were the facts given to the American people.

The national media said it applied to "65,000 youngsters." The legislation actually would give amnesty to at least 1 million to 2 million illegal immigrants up to the age of 30. And no one in the national media mentioned that no hearings had been held on the bill and no committee had approved it.

The DREAM Act would mean fewer jobs for American workers, and the Congressional Budget Office said it would cost taxpayers billions of dollars. But you won't hear that from the national media.

Even if the national media won't, Congress should put the interests of American workers and taxpayers first. That's what the last election was all about.

PASSING OF AMBASSADOR RICHARD HOLBROOKE

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and unexpected passing of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke has been very, very sad news for Americans, and it obviously has sent shock waves throughout the international community.

Dick Holbrooke is someone with whom I was privileged to work on a number of issues over the past decade and a half. And I will say that he was known for being rough-and-tumble. He was described by one as "the bulldozer diplomat."

But I have to say that Dick Holbrooke was a true polyglot. He knew, in dealing with diplomatic challenges, that it took different talents and different styles. Regardless of where he was in the world, he was able to apply his unique talents. I have to say that we worked together on a number of very important issues.

As we look at the challenge that exists today in Afghanistan and Pakistan, his passing will be a real loss for that effort. But his passing should lead us to redouble our commitment to pursue the goal that I believe Dick Holbrooke always pursued, and that was for peace, stability, the rule of law, and self-determination around the world.

Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife and two sons.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT DAVID S. ROBINSON

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, Sergeant David Robinson of Fort Smith, Arkansas, who valiantly sacrificed his life in support of combat missions in Afghanistan.

Service runs in Sergeant Robinson's family, with a grandfather who served as a sharpshooter in the military. So, when at a young age he told his mother he wanted to serve in the military, it was no surprise. He followed in his grandfather's footsteps, going into the artillery field when he joined the Army in 2004.

As a member of the 2nd Cavalry, he served as a gunner, a rifleman, and an ammunition handler. At the young age of 25, he already had remarkable service to our Nation during his three tours: two in Operation Iraqi Freedom and one in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

My prayers and the prayers of Arkansans are with Sergeant Robinson's family, including his wife Heidi and three young children, Jeremy, Tyler, and Madison. I humbly offer my thanks to Sergeant David Robinson, a true American hero, for his selfless service to the security and well-being of Americans, and I ask my colleagues to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

99-YEAR TRIBAL LEASE AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1448) to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1448

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LEASES OF RESTRICTED LAND.

Subsection (a) of the first section of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(a)), is amended in the second sentence by inserting "land held in trust for the Coquille Indian Tribe, land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, land held in trust for the Klamath Tribes, and land held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe," after "lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon,".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that